MR. CHAIRMAN: It was not necessary under the Rules. I have said all this so that as you told me, posterity may judge me and decide if I have gone wrong.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: You are taking away the right of the Members of Parliament.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Kindly tell the House whether the Government has given you the information that you wanted.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): It is not posterity that will judge you, Sir. It is the present that is going to judge you.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: They cannot hold the House to ransom.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): They are showing disrespect to the House. You send them out. They are not showing respect to your ruling.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: They are not interested in parliamentary system.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: I want to make a submission, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So far as the Question Hour is concerned, nothing else will go on record. Whatever you will say will not go on record. You cannot hold the House to ransom.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: *

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (Punjab): *

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is going on.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: *

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not in this House, please.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: **

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is Question Hour and only Question Hour. Nothing else will go on record.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: *

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have given my ruling. That is my view, my decision. I am to be condemned for it. You can do it.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM:**

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: *

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: **

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA (Andhra Pradesh): **

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): **

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): **

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: **

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): **

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: **

SHRI JAGESH DESAI:**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 305. Question No. 306 Question No. 307.

*305. [*For answer,* vide *col.* 27 *infra*].

*306. [*For answer,* vide *col* . 28 *infra*].

Diversification of Jute Goods

*307. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that with the rapid decline in the prices of petro-chemical based fibres the indigenous jute goods are facing danger of being wiped out from the international market within the next few years;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any critical analysis of the situation;

(c) whether Government propose to allow diversification of jute goods

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into other areas of advantage; if so, what decision, if any, has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the manner in which Government propose to retrieve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The international prices of HDPE and polypropylene rose from January, 1987 to mid 1988. After that they have declined. However, the current prevailing prices are much higher than those at the beginning of 1987. Stiff competition from other exporting countries and in roads made by cheap synthetic substitutes have posed a threat to Indian jute exports.

The Government have initiated policy measures for modernisation of the industry and diversification of jute products to help increase exports. Diversification of jute goods in the field of jute handicrafts & handlooms, non-conventional packaging material for fruits, tea and other commodities, geo-jute, non-wovens and other jute consumer products is being encouraged.

Some of the steps taken to increase export and promote diversification of jute goods are as follows:—

(i) CCS is provided on almost all jute products. Recently merchant exporters were also made eligible for this facility, in addition to manufacturer exporters.

(ii) A scheme for External Market Assistance for export of diversified jute products has been introduced.

(iii) A scheme for export price stabilisation and loss sharing between State Trading Corporation and Jute Manufacturers Development Council to participate in global tenders has been introduced.

(iv) A consortium arrangement between the State Trading Corporation and jute industry for loss sharing on 50:50 basis for export of CBC to North America is in operation.

(v) Two overseas offices of Jute Manufacturers Development Council are engaged in export promotion of jute products.

(vi) An internal Market Scheme has been introduced for assisting sale of diversified jute goods in the domestic market.

(vii) Exemption from excise duty has been granted in the recent budget to jute yarn supplied to registered handloom cooperative societies KVIC, KVIB or Govt. approved organisations.

(viii) Full excise duty concession to those varieties of paper and paper board which contain 75 per cent of pulp from raw jute has been granted in the recent Budget.

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: What have been the efforts of the Government towards increasing the export of jute goods from the country?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA: (*Interruptons*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have told you privately and otherwise also that under the law I am absolutely helpless so far as the question of placing the Commission's Report is concerned. (*Interruptions*). Your shoutings will not help. So far as the Government is concerned, they have seen you shouting. You had done it yesterday also. Now, we have come here for business. (*Interruptions*) Let us do some business. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:**

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: (*Interruptions*)

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : सभापति जी आपने रूलिंग दी है.... (व्यवधान)

श्री सभापति: मैंने दोनों के बारे में कह दिया है, क्वैश्चन आवर तथा कालिंग अटेंशन। I have given my decision. So far as the Question Hour is concerned, it is continuing. During Question Hour nothing else will come up. During Question Hour you cannot raise any other issue which you like.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या इसका अर्थ यह है कि क्वैश्चन आवर के बाद हम यह मामला रेज करेंगे ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not a Calling Attention.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्वैश्चन आवर के बाद उठाने की आज्ञा देंगे ?.... (व्यवधान) ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: How can I say now? I will decide when the time comes.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:**

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: (*Interruptions*)

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:**

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have told you I am protecting the Constitution. I am doing what is just and I am putting it in writing. I have told you the full responsibility for it is mine and the posterity can judge. That is all I can say. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nobody under the law and under the rules has the right to question my decision.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:**

SHRI M. S. GURUPADSWAMY:**

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA: (*Interruptons*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is Question Hour. Only questions will go on record and nothing else will go on record and there is no use of wasting the time of the House. "Thakkar Commission report pesh karo bhaiya" why are you shouting this?... (*Interruptions*)...If you are disturbing the Question Hour, please remember and calculate every minute of this House how much it costs the public, the poor people of India... (*Interruptions*)...Q. No. 308.

Import and Export of Cotton

*308. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of cotton imported during the years 1986-87 and till January, 1989 of the current financial year alongwith the names of countries;

(b) what is the quantum of cotton exported during this period alongwith the names of countries; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the export of cotton so as to give remunerative price to cotton growers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The total imports of cotton during the cotton years (September-August) 1986-87 upto January, 1989 were around 2.42 lakh bales. These

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